Mim Ariline Burden, who has been mak-ing an extended visit with her aunt. Mm. W. P. Bradshaw, departed for Lexington,

Mo.

Miss Winifred Hadley returned Tuesday from Alton, where she was the guest of Miss Constance Rohland.

Miss Nannte Judy and D. R. Nin of St. Louis were guests Sunday of Miss Jessie Taylor.

Mrs. S. H. Mudge departed Wednesday

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Mrs. S. H. Mudge departed Wednesday for her home in St. Louis, after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jeffress.

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Mrs. E. J. Greenwood departed Tuesday for South McAlester, I. T., to be the guest of Mrs. H. H. Keller, and to be present at the marriage of Miss Geneviere Keller, formerly of this place. Miss Keller will be married Christmas Day to Mr. Victor Buell of Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McKee will have a family reunion Christmas. It will include Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McKee of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McKee of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hehl and little daughter, and Warren McKee of St. Louis.

Misses Mildred Jeffress and Flavia Hadley returned home Tuesday from Monticello Seminary for the holidays.

J. L. Stroud of St. Louis arrived Thursday for a short visit with friends.

Miss Anna Krone arrived Friday from Ferry Hall Seminary, and will spend the holidays with her parents, Judge and Mrs. W. K. Krone.

Mrs. A. G. Tuxhorn entertained the card

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club Wednerday afternoon.
George Schaeffer, a student in the University of Wisconsin, arrived home Thursday, to spend Christmas with his parents.

Miss Bertha Snell of No. 385 Delmar venue will depart shortly for an extend-l trip through Texas and the South.

ne Gold Watches for presentation gifts ards, Broadway, cor. Locust. Mrs. Paul Honor of Memphis is visiting her sinter, Mrs. Hart Hood. Miss Martha Kendrick will spend the hristmas holidays with her mother in Wichita. Wichita.
Captain and Mrs. H. E. Eames of Fort Leavenworth will spend the holidays with Mrs. W. S. Eames.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ergers entertained at cards last Tuesday evening. Guests were Mesers and Mmes. B. S. Adams, W. V. Scholtz, George Duncan and Floyd Stew-art, Miss Rose Eggers and Mr. Charles

The Fortnightly Club of Webster and The Fortnightly Club of Webster and Kirkwood will hold its third dance in firistol Hall Saturday evening.

Mrs. N. G. Kessier of Omaha, Neb., who has been visiting her mother. Mrs. A. H. Salisbury, returned home last week.

Lyman Warren has returned from a visit to Eugene Salisbury at the University of Missouri, where he was entertained at the Sigma Chapter House. Bugene Salisbury has been made captain of the University of Missouri football team for 1996.

Mrs. G. W. Miles is visiting in Eldorado, Ark.

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the Christmas entertainment Thursday
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evening, giving the cantata, "Santa
Claus's Dream.

The Pre-byterian Sunday School gave a
programme of recitations and music in
their auditorium Friday evening, which
was followed by a Christmas-tree celebras followed by a Christmas-tree celebrain the lecture-room.
Ir. Harry Salveter formerly of this
ie, is drawing up plans for a house for
and Mrs. Myroo Wester lass forresidents of Webster) in Les Angenear the ocean.
Ir. and Mrs. N. B. Lake have returned
Webster after several months' residence
St. Louis, and are now on Ookwood
ease.

or and Mrs Frank R. Ellis will move to St. Louis for the winter, staying with into St. Louis for the winter, staying with the mother Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jenkins of Old Orderard have returned from a visit to the sintern part of the State.

Mrs. V. V. Serastian of Old Orchard twisting her heather in New Mexico.

The R. M. Adams family is spending the winter in St. Louis. Miss Virginia Adams will be at home from Wells College of Aurora. N. V. for the holidays.

The literature Section of the Monday Chile met at the home of Miss Alice Kelly Tuesday afternoon. edas afternoon, the Madre Stark went to Warrensburg

Louis for the winter. ast Mice Gladys Blackmer will give a dance the Alcosouth Club Wednesday even-The organization of young men known to The Mules gave a dance at the Algorithm of the Mules gave a dance at the Algorithm of the Mules were the Massars Percy Hlackmer. Hearty Schuyler, Massars Percy Hlackmer, Hearty Schuyler, A parker meeting of the Women's Christian Temperature of Mrs. W. J. H. Hovan, Wedness of Art Trugs was held at the resident of the Presheterist of t

THE desire to express to our pa-trons our sincere wish for A Merry Christmas

AND A Happy New Year,

While extending our thanks for the kind courtesy and patience which have lightened the labors of our salespeople during the busiest holiday season we have ever

Whelan-Archle-Hutchinson - Jewelry Company -621 Locust Street.



Mrs. Duniel H. Mullen was hostess for

Mrs. William J. Parker will entertain the new old Orchard Flachra Club These day evening.

Miss Frances Gregory has invitations out for a party Thursday night.

Ars. William J. Heattle will entertain for the club of which Hoth Boattle by a full chorus close blankinger Fred lough Meson Lone blankinger Fred lough Meson Cornelesy Dancies Mark Meson Cornelesy Dancies Meson Cornelesy Dancies Mark Meson Cornelesy Dancies Meson Corneles

Mrs. Peter Parcell and daughter. Miss. will give a cantata-the visit of Santa

Min. Mart of the bonne of sizes Austreaching from the bonne of sizes Austreaching from the bonne of sizes Austreaching from the property of th Miles Matter Stark went to Wartensbarg Prom her latest picture.

The programme of Christmas must to the programme of Christmas must to the programme of Christmas must to the Procedure of the same of the Inches of the Procedure of the Parcel, were recent visitors in St. Louis March editions. Meridian Church is as follows. March 19 procedure of the Episcopal Sunday school will give a surprise entertainment for their pupils at the Choral Hall at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening.

Mrs. Nellie Porter has returned from a visit with Mrs. Paul Porter in St. Louis. Mass rights Sweeney has returned from a visit with St. Louis friends.

Mrs. Sarah Wendell his returned to Whitehall, after visiting with Mrs. Lydia Hewn. The Monday Evening Church wells week at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. H. Bown. The president Judge William W. Keysor, called the meeting to order

Mrs. William A. Rheedes gave a children's party from 2 to 3 Thursday afternoon in honor of Rossom Hoods sixth birthday. The birthday cake, with its six candles, farmed the contempose of the boldshay. The birthday cake with its six candles, farmed the contempose of the boldshay. The birthday cake with its six candles, farmed the contempose of the boldshay has been spending some time with Colonel and Mrs. E. A. Header Riche boy a hora. Little guests were. Blossom Hood, Frances Martin, Herbert and Rath Birtgeas. Ellen Buchanan, Merle and Harold Johns.

Hothert Rhedes reached home from Columbia, Thursday night and will remain an home until after the New Year. Whise and Jack Ambier are at home for the Columbia Thursday night and will remain an home with after the New Year. Whise set Lawson returned from a few days in New York Monday evening.

Mrs. J. B. Clase landed in New York Thursday evening from a European trp. which was interrupted by het il health. Mr. and Mrs. Kent Jarvis went on to meet her, and they will all return to Web-meet her and the follows a present with a few days in their house in England December of the Louis. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Read Jr, and their theorem been spending to the holds will preside in the Louis. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Page.

Mrs. A. S. Pag Miss Eugenia Miltenberger has returned om Eryn Mawr College to spend the hel-Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Coudie are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ecbert Loud at the Hamilton.
Miss Helen Lattimore is the guest of
Mrs Laurie Denny of Washington bouleof and Mrs. Wilson P. Hunt and fam-who are residing at the Loraine Hotel, I spend the Christmas season at their many residence in Normandie, I and Mrs. T. H. Spenkle are enter-ning Mr. Kie Stewart Lott of Winston, Miss Eilth Seymour and her sunt, Mrs. Miss Edith Seymour and her sunt, Mrs.
Amelia Matt, will depart immediately after thristmas for Johesboro, Ark, to vist.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seymour.
Miss Hien Barret has been the guest of Miss Helen Janis of Bartmer avenue.
Miss Susan Bain and her brother, Mr.
Faterson Bain Jr. of the State University

e Cooking Club was entertained on day by the Misses Manget a Sarah Chambers will depart the of the year for California, where will spend the wheter a S. A. Baker has been visiting in C. B. Adams

Mr. and Mrs. E. Reinhart entertained a
fea friends on Weltreday evening
Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs.
George Blackburn, Doctor and Mrs. Carl
Ludwing Doctor George S. Case and Miss. Julia Case.
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Condle are rejoicing in the birth of a son-Herbert Denglis Condle Jr.
The Friday Afternoon Euchre Club met at the residence of Mrs. C. R. Adams. The prizes were son by Mrs. Roth Jordan Marshall, Mrs. T. Sullivan and Mrs. Frank Leaviti. the residence of Mrs. C. B. Adams. The prizes were won by Mrs. Ruth Jordan Mershall. Mrs. T. Sullivan and Mrs. Frank Leavitt. Mr. nol. Mrs. E. S. Murshall entertained the Camiden Place Whist Club on Westnesday evening. Those present were. Mrs. Christine Hutchinson. Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Reiner. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Tobin, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Condie. Doubt George S. Case, Miss Julia Case and Mrs. Nora Hughes Morse. The prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Sprinkle, Isontor Carl Ludening and Mrs. H. P. Jacques entertained the Bridge Club Thursday evening. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Van Noratrand, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Durst, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Enon. and Mr and Mrs. A bondar was given by the laddes of the

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ferwood and daughters, the Misses Florence and Emma Forwood, of Upper Alton, are visitors in Piasa, Ill.

Mrs. J. L. Horton departed. Tuesday for Fort Worth. Tex., where she will visit her stater. Mrs. Dora Berry.

Miss Rena Elliott of Medora visited relatives in Upper Alton last week.

Mrs. E. M. Smith has returned from Lincoin.

Mrs. Ellen Ferguson has returned from Lincoin.

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Mrs. Ellen Ferguson has returned from a fortinght's visit in Chicago.

Miss B. C. Swanson is visiting in Peoria. Mrs. Melvin Greeding has returned from a fortinght's visit in Chicago.

Miss Bertha Asycroft has returned to Piasa, after visiting in Alton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nevlin have returned from Jerseyville, where they visited relatives.

Miss Kate Horn has returned from a fortinght's visit in Lexington, Mo.

Miss Alice Chilton has returned from West Piains, Mo.

Mrs. William Fisher of St. Louis to a visitor in Alton.

Miss Jennie Rice is visiting relatives in Mount Vernon.

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Mrs. Buckmaster is entertaining Mrs.

Lizz'e B. Jones of New York City.

Mrs. T. H. Craig of Jerseyville was a visitor in Alton last week.

Mrs. George Barber is entertaining Mrs. William Hamilton of Bourbon, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Anderson were visitors in Belleville last week.

Miss Nannie Lowry entertained Saturday evening at her home in Walnut street, Upper Alton.

Mrs. R. L. McCraner entertained the East End Euchre Club Thursday evening at her home in State street. Prizes were wen by Mmes. George Parker and Peter Ryland.

Miss Kate Clark is visiting in Roodhouse. Ryland.
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The Reverend and Mrs. C. O. Reynard have gone to Ohio to visit relatives.
Mrs. Harriet Allen is entertaining Mrs. John Allen of San Antonio, Tex.
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Robinson have returned from an extended visit in Russell-ville Ark. turned from an extended visit in Russellville, Ark.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nelson of Medorawere visitors in Upper Alton last week.
Miss Janet Brice has returned from New
York City.
Miss Nelle Steinmeler has returned from
an extended visit in Little Rock, Ark.
Miss Constance Pohland entertained Miss
Winifred Hadley of Edwardsville last week
at here home in State street. EAST ST. LOUIS.

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Mrs. George Gray is visiting relatives in Miss Louise Miller is visiting in Springfield, Ill.

Mrs. M. Sweeney has returned from a
viset in Kirkwood, Mo.

Miss Mamie Davis has returned from Miss ida Williams is visiting friends in Miss his Williams is visit and the sparts.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Stevens have returned from Memphis, Tents.

Mrs. Lesde Allen entertained friends.

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Mr and Mrs. James Carpenter are visiting in Bioomington, Ill.

Mrs. J. E. Crain is visiting friends in Farmington, Mo.
Miss Maggie Rogers is visiting friends Miss Maggie Rogers is visiting friends in Whitehall III.

Mrs. G. Schofield is visiting in Indiana.

Miss Boulah McFarland departed yesterday for Pinckneyville. III.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris are visiting friends in Litchfield. III.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stulth of Denver.

Colo. are visiting friends on the Hast Side.

Mrs. George Ripley has returned from Clay City. III.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Clark of Jerseyville,

III. are visiting in this city.

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Miss Laura Pershall has returned from Inurelay afternoon.

Mrs. Field Morrison has returned from Mrs. Field Morrison has returned from Mount thire. III.
Miss Mary Cleary has returned from a visit in Believille.
Miss Lulu Carter is visiting friends in Louisville. Ky.
Miss Anna Morrison is the guset of friends in Vandalia. III.
Miss Kate Carpenter of Columbia place is visiting friends in Centralia. III.
Miss Emmia Montgomery has returned from Whitehall. III. om Whitehall, Ill. Miss Lalife Walters is visiting in Cairo. Miss Anna Stewart to visiting in Anus, Ili
Miss Alice Freels, who is attending
school in Nashville, Tenn., is visiting her
parents, Judge and Mrs. Freels.
Miss Carrie Moore is visiting in De-

Miss Mary Blair is visiting friends in Mount Vernon. Ill.
Miss Mins Lonch is the guest of relatives in Edwardsville. Ill.
Miss Amy Harding has returned from Greenville. Ill.
Miss Clara Moore is in Decatur. Ill.

Miss Jeanette Pointer has returned to Warren-ton, Mo., after a visit of a few days with Miss Flora Burgdorff.

Mrs. W. A. Alexander entertained the Wom-en's Home Missionary Sectleties of the M. E. Church of this city and Virden Tuesday after-Mrs. C. J. Liempkin has returned from a cheet visit with Mrs. J. S. Stirman of Owenhord, N. Y.

Prodessor and Mrs. R. E. Loving are quanting the holidays in Chicago.

Mires. Charles Robertson. R. B. Shirley and P. W. Burton attended a reception at Stammon, given by Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Louis Hoccaer and Miss Gence Dagger attended the wedding of their counts, Miss Gertrude Penn, in Springfield Wednesday.

Mrs. Shrife Palmer of Pawnes in visiting her mother, Mrs. M. A. Dibecton, her and Mrs. Fred Matthews of Chicago are visiting their parents, Dottor and Mrs. J. P. Matthews who will hold a reception Christians Day in their honor, to introduce Mrs. Fred Matthews.

Miss Olive Stone has returned from Waverly. Miss Sertie Surke, who is attending Hamilton College, in Lexington, Ky, has returned for the holidays with their parents. Mr. ared Mrs. Everett Gore and children of Chicago are here to opened the holidays with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gore and children of Chicago are here to opened the holidays with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gore and children of Chicago are here to opened the holidays with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gore and children of Chicago are here to opened the holidays with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gore and children of Chicago are here to opened the holidays with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gore and children of Chicago are here to opened the holidays with their parents. Mr. R. P. Anderson outertained at dinner Wednesday evening the Misson Com-Keplinger and Marie Sichenmyer and Bismes. Victor Hemphill and George Railey of Springfield.

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spells, after a visit with relatives beto.

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MRS. BOSSE HAS RECOVERED. Woman Shot by Suicide Husband Leaves Hospital.

Mrs. Charles Bosse, who was shot through the neck by her husband December 6 and seriously wounded, was discharged from the City Hospital and sent to her home at No. 625 Gano avenue yesterday afternoon.

After shooting his wife Bosse turned the revolver on himself and committed suicide. The shooting is said to have followed an argument between the man and his wife over the disposal of an inheritance of \$17.600. Bosse was drinking at the time he committed suicide and attempted murder.

Washington, Dec 23.—The Navy Department has decided on February 12 as the day of the graduation of the class of 1998 at the Naval Academy.

The reason for the graduation of the cadets in advance has been the pressing need of officers, and if this condition still prevails, it may require the graduation of the next class in February, 1997.

COMMANDS THE KEARSANGE. Captain Rodgers Ordered to Duty at Washington.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—The command of the battleship Kearmirge, now stationed at League Island Navy Yard, was to-day transferred from Captain Raymond P. Rolgers to Captain Herbert Winslow Captain Rodgers has been ordered to shore duty at Washington, his two-year term of sea service having expired.

Washington, Dec. 21 - Army orders wer issued to-day as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Enew, and Mr and
Mrs. T. H. Sprinkle.

A bassaar was given by the ladies of the
Presbyterian Church at Tiffit Hall, Priday evening. The fancy table was presided over by Mrs. John Atwood and Mrs.
W. W. Griffith, the aprone by Mrs.
Charles Ballman, the doils by Mrs. Prances Wagner and Mrs. Van 'Hook; the
cakes by Miss Heien Agmond: the ice
crass, by Mrs. Charles Bonnett, the
randies by the Misses Lydia Heward and
May Wagner, the loys by the Misses Ireis
Bullman and Annie Bain.

Mrs. and Mrs. A. E. McPheron attended a
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REPUBLIC SPECIAL

FIGHT FOR ENGLISH DUKEDOM

Claim of Druce Family to Portland Title and Vast Estate Is Based Upon Identity of Shopkeeper, Who Is Believed to Have Been Fifth in Line-Led Double Life and Was Twice Married-Characteristics of Nobleman and Draper Identical, Each Being Addicted to Peculiar Habits of Living.

COURTS WILL SOON BRING THE CONTROVERSY TO AN END.

The Druce claim to the estate and title of the Duke of Portland, one of the most of the Duke of Portland, one of the most of the Duke of Portland, one of the most of the Duke of Portland, one of the most of the Duke of Portland, and the will always be remembered as an extensive most public hearing of the claimant's case will be estate the courts.

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In itself the story is so strange that the useful imaginings of the sensational noveling the intention of the famous atables, tan galloy, riding school, underground picture gallery in the disclosure which are administered by the Fortland trustees and heid by Lord Howard to Walden, these latter including Cavendish figure, Portland place, Harley street the losse of fashicnable physicians, Websek street. Weymouth street. Hollos street, and many other well-known ithoroughlares.

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Rough estimates of the value of the groperthes claimed compute the sim et little abovt of 1900.000.000 and his claim is based on lamby Druce, or of the Baber street beassar, were one as the present claimant to Mr. George Holiand, and Thomas Charles Druce, propries and oldest lineal descendant of Thomas Charles Druce, and the school of Gapton, and the school of Gapton, the important of the fifth Duke of Portland and Portland street bears are one of the groper of the Baber street beassar, were one and oldest lineal descendant of thomas Charles Druce, and the school of Gapton, and the contention as to the duality of personality be proved, the grandson and oldest lineal descendant on the oreal of the contention as to the duality of personality be proved, the grandson and oldest lineal descenda

TOUNGER BROTHER DIRD.

According to Mrs. Anna Druce's story, which was told some time ago, when she made a claim to the title and estates on behalf of her son, the quarrel between the two brothers was a very bitter one, and the suit of the younger, Lord George Bentinck, received the full approbation of their father the latter not only discouraging the desire of the elder son but also insulting him in every way. She stated that the climar to the quarrel between the two brothers was reached in 1865, when Lord George was found dead near Welbeck Abbey, it was stated, from a spasm of the heart, but, she adds, whether this was the true cause of his death will never be known.

According to the present claimant's story, the fifth Duke of Portland, in '84, decided to put an end to his alleged and existence and to live only in his du al state, and so he resolved that Drue should die, and be buried, which he accordingly was, in a vault in Highgate Copping to the present claimant's story, the fifth Duke of Portland, in '84, decided to put an end to his alleged and existence and to live only in his du al state, and so he resolved that Drue should die, and be buried, which he accordingly was, in a vault in Highgate Copping Prohibited.

REFUBLIC SPECIALS

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COFFIN HOLDS SECRET.

And it is around this coffin and its contents that the real mystery of the case centers, for if it contained the actual body of Thomas Charles Druce, then, of course, Druce and the fifth Duke of Portland could not be one and the same person, for the Duke did not die until 1822. Mrs. Anna Druce applied for permission to open this vault when she took action on behalf of her son before the present claimant had come forward, but this proceeding was successfully opposed in every instance, and the present claimant would also he glad to hav the contents of the coffin disclosed sad its mystery solved.

What does the coffin contain? Clearly there can be no stronger proof against the validity of his claim. In the face of all the evidence adduced, then to find in that vault a coffin, and in that coffin a body corresponding to that of Thomas Charles Druce, so clearly the whole crux of the matter would seem to be the contents of this mysterious coffin.

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tempted murder.

YATES TO OPEN IN JANUARY.

Former Governor's Wife's Health
Makes Early Tour Probable.

REPUBLIC SIPD TALE.

Springfield. III. Dec. 22—Governor Yates now expects to be in position to open his speechmaking campaign for the United shates senatorable early in January, possibly the first week.

The condition of Mrs. Yates, whose in disposition caused the abandonment of the original plans of the former essentive to open his campaign next week. The condition of Mrs. Yates, whose in the original plans of the former essentive to open his campaign next week. The condition of Mrs. Yates, whose in the original plans of the former essentive to open his campaign next week. The condition of Mrs. Yates, whose in the original plans of the former essentive to open his campaign next week. The condition of Mrs. Yates, whose in the original plans of the former essentive to open his campaign next week. The condition of Mrs. Yates, whose in the original plans of the former essentive to open his campaign next week. The condition of Mrs. Yates, whose in the original plans of the former essentive to open his campaign next week. The condition of Mrs. Yates, whose in the original plans of the former essentive that it is believed she will recover rapidly.

She was able to walk downstairs at her home to-day, and the critical point is believed to be passed.

MIDDIES GRADUATE FEB. 12.

Navy Department Responds to Urgent Call for Officers.

Washington, Dec 23—The Navy Department has decided on February 12 as the Many ColnCidences.

MANY COINCIDENCES.

MANT COINCIDENCES. MANT COINCIDENCES.

There are many extraordinary coincidences in the lives of the fifth Duke of Portland and Thomas Charles Druce, and one is the fact that the fifth Duke was known to have suffered from a very acute skin disease, and cariously enough this same disease manifested itself in the family of the claimant, his father having suffered from it, as also his children, though he has been free from it. This may be accounted for, however, by the fact that hereditary diseases frequently skip a generation.

Another coincidence is that the fifth Duke of Portland had a marked aversion to meeting strangers. In fact, he would never see anyone not even his lawyers, and Druce would not see any person who called on business at the Baker street bases.

called on business at the Baker street ba-saar.

Agian, while the list of coincideness does not prove anything. It is, to say the least of it, extraordinary, as, for instance, the fifth Duke had a peculiarity of tying his trousers below the knee with string, as the rallway navvies do in Engiand, and this was also a peculiarity of Thomas Charles Druce.

attractive. CRAZE FOR TUNNELING

Again, the Duke had a crase for tunneling operations, as Welbeck Abbey abundantly testifies, and this same crase was possessed by Thomas Charles Druce. These peculiarities might be continued indefinitely, but, after all, they prove nothing, though taken in conjunction with the alleged marvelous resemblance of the two personalities, they are, to my the least of them, peculiar. The care itself has certainly brought into premiums.

home for the future.

Miss Mary Robertson entertained the R N.

G. Cub Saturage evaning. She will leave immediately after Christmas to enter the Stetes University of De Lande Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Josse Publies entertained the Cotories Friday evening. The Merchant of Venice" was read by Doctor J. B. Conieg.

Miss Grace Madison of Chicago is visiting bet made and for the processor and Mrs. W. A. Hoblit are gueste of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dubreck of Chicago are visiting Doctor and Mrs. W. A. Hoblit are gueste of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Duckles.

John Anderson has returned from the Misserial State University, and Charles Woods is been from Tale for the holidays.

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 2L.—Officials of Taylorville, Ill., have become so thoroughly alarmed over the rapid spread of diphtheria in that city that the Mayor han ordered the city schools and all places of public assemblage closed.

No religious services will be held, and all plans for holiday entertainments in the Sunday schools have been alandoned.

Word to this effect was sent to-day to Boctor J. A. Egan, secretary of the State Board of Health. Doctor Egan has approved of the Mayor's course, and has arged the authorities of the Christian County capital to thoroughly disinfect the entire city, and to take every precaution to stam out the contagion.

Santa Claus at Forse Miss Santa Claus will visit the Forse Mission next Saturday evening with a present for every scholar in the school. This school is at No. 4tl South Second street, and is composed of scholars of all colors, creeds and nationalities. The school is growing so rapidly that the present corps of ten teachers is unable to take care of all the scholars, and the officers desire a few more who will volunteer their services Sanday afternoon at 3 octock.



NLY a few days more in which to purchase the most delightful of all Holiday gifts. Don't "miss out" by failing to call upon us. Prices, terms and goods most

OPEN EVENNOS.